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In re application of

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Application No. 10/727,511 Group 3766

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A NOVEL METHOD FOR THE ADJUSTMENT OF HUMAN AND  
ANIMAL VAGUS NERVE STIMULATION

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

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April 23, 2008

Sir:

This is a "Request for Continued Examination" under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, the provisions of which do not apply to:

(1) A provisional application; (2) An application for a utility or plant patent filed under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) before June 8, 1995; (3) An international application filed under 35 U.S.C. §363 before June 8, 1995; (4) An application for a design patent; or (5) A patent under reexamination.

This Request for Continued Examination is being filed prior to the earliest of:

(1) Payment of the issue fee, unless a petition under §1.313 is granted; (2) Abandonment of the application; or (3) The filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. § 141, or the commencement of civil action under 35 U.S.C. §§ 145 or 146, unless the appeal or civil action is terminated.

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| Total Claims       | 7                                       | 7   | 0            | x\$50 =  | \$0.00 |
| Independent Claims | 3                                       | 3   | 0            | x\$210 = | \$0.00 |
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An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) and PTO-1449 form(s) is/are attached hereto for the Examiner's consideration.

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**Fees**

The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed, is enclosed herewith:

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The applicant(s) hereby petition(s) for an extension of () month(s) pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a). The fee has been calculated as shown below:

NO extensions of time have been previously obtained in the prior application. Thus, a fee of \$525 is required for the full period of the above-requested extension of time.

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- Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$0.00 for the applicable filing fee, additional claims fee, and/or extension fees.
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Respectfully submitted,

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